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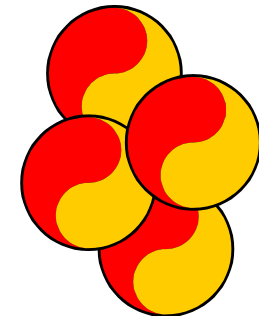
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# Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program in Kentucky



Providing a partnering of nursing,  
forensic medicine, law  
enforcement, and victim services  
across the Commonwealth.

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## WHAT IS A SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER?

A sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) is a registered nurse trained in the forensic examination of victims of sexual assault and credentialed by the Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN). A nurse examiner conducts the examination, collects and preserves evidence, and testifies in legal proceedings.

The SANE nurse becomes an integral part of the multidisciplinary team investigating the survivors of sexual assault, and should be knowledgeable in the nursing process, forensic nursing concepts, victim's issues, and legal responsibilities.

## WHY CREATE A SANE PROGRAM IN KENTUCKY?

The SANE Program is a statewide commitment to provide compassionate and comprehensive response to individuals 14 years and older who have been the victims of sexual assault.

## HOW IS THE SANE PROGRAM BEING IMPLEMENTED?

The SANE Program is a collaborative effort among KBN and representatives of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Cabinet for Health Services, the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, the Kentucky Hospital Association, the Kentucky Association on Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Nursing Programs, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Kentucky State Police Forensic Lab. Also assisting in developing this program were two RNs with forensic experience, and two individuals with experience in victim services. The Kentucky SANE Program became operational in March 1998.

## HOW DO YOU BECOME A SANE NURSE?

To apply for the SANE credential, you must:

- Hold a current, active registered nurse license in Kentucky.
- Have completed a KBN approved SANE educational course or comparable course.
- Complete the "Application for Initial SANE Credential."
- Pay the application fee.

The SANE credential must be renewed and expires concurrently with the registered nurse license. Renewal of the credential requires the completion of 5 contact hours of continuing education related to the role of the SANE nurse. The 5 contact hours may be included in the competency requirement for renewal of the registered nurse license.

## WHO OFFERS SANE TRAINING?

Approved SANE courses have been established throughout Kentucky. Through administrative regulation, KBN established criteria governing Kentucky SANE courses and an application process for course approval. A copy of the regulation and additional information may be obtained from the KBN website at <http://kbn.ky.gov>.

## AM I AUTOMATICALLY CREDENTIALLED AS A SANE NURSE IN KENTUCKY IF I RECEIVE OUT-OF-STATE TRAINING?

No. If KBN determines that you received comparable training in another state, you will

be required to complete a 5-hour training program specific to the Kentucky legal system. For information on the availability of this course, contact the SANE Coordinator at 502-226-2704.

## CAN A SANE PERFORM CHILD EXAMS?

The SANE Advisory Council has designed the program to prepare registered nurses to perform forensic evaluations on sexual assault victims 14 years of age or older.

## WILL I BE REIMBURSED AS A SANE?

Legislation promulgated by the Attorney General's office establishes the rate to be paid to hospitals, physicians, and SANEs for the examination of sexual assault victims.

## WHAT DO HOSPITALS NEED TO KNOW?

Hospitals must be fully informed about providing victim services as governed by KRS Chapter 216B and the utilization of physicians, sexual assault nurse examiners, and established statewide medical protocol.

## WHAT LEGISLATION GOVERNS THE SANE PROGRAM?

KRS 314.011(4) and 314.142

KRS 216B.400(2), (4), and (6)

201 KAR 20:411 and 40 KAR 3:010